

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Romig Middle School Technology Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 15,000
One-Time Need**House District: 26 - M****Brief Project Description:**

Grant would provide 6 new smart boards and their accompanying projectors and hardware for Romig Middle School science classrooms.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$15,000**Funding Secured

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Other Pending Requests

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Anticipated Future Need

Amount	FY
There is no other funding needed	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This request is an education priority. This grant would allow six Smart Boards and their necessary hardware and projectors to be purchased for Romig science classrooms. Through science classes, Smart Board technology will be experienced by all 850 of Romig's students. Smart Board technology is an excellent interactive learning tool. At this time, students at Romig Middle School are not exposed to this technology - which students in most newly constructed schools use on a daily basis. Having the technological experience of working with Smart Boards will be beneficial to students as they progress to high school and beyond. Romig, as an older school, is already behind the technology curve - the addition of these Smart Boards is a step in the right direction.

Project Timeline:

If funded, the Smart Boards would be purchased for the 2008/09 school year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Shane Inch, Assistant Principal

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To: Senator Hollis French
Representative Mike Doogan
Representative Lindsey Holmes

February 27, 2008

Re: Science Technology

Dear Senator French and Representatives Doogan and Holmes:

I would like to thank you for your support of upgrading the technology at Romig Middle School. Romig Middle School is trying to provide technological opportunities for our students. Having the ability to provide interactive Smart Boards for our Science Classrooms will be so beneficial for our students and overall school program.

The science teachers of my building are a group of teachers who, through their outstanding desire to provide wonderful lessons, will benefit immensely from this much-needed technology. They will have another tool to help in the teacher/student interaction that promotes learning. If this request is fulfilled it will benefit all of the 850 students in our school. Because of our unique program here at Romig, with many different programs, it is difficult to provide a service to all students of the building other than in Science. All of our students will be able to access these Smart Boards through science.

Smart Boards benefit students of all learning modalities. The interaction the students can have with the technology and teacher are outstanding. In addition to student curricular learning, having the experience working with this form of technology will not only benefit the students as they move into high school, but further as well.

Romig Middle School is fortunate to have some of our science teachers working with the United States Department of Energy through the "Academies Creating Teacher Scientist (ACTS)". Smart Boards would be a huge benefit for our teachers as they work with this program in promoting inquiry as an enhanced method of teaching science. Now that we are testing students in Science, it is so important to provide meaningful lessons, designed to meet standards, and working to keep students engaged. As we try to close the achievement gap in our school, we strive to lower the "engagement" gap. Smart Boards, are interactive, unique, effective teaching devices for which we would use efficiently.

Again, thank you for your support. Should you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sven Gustafson
Principal – Romig Middle School